

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-02423-RC**

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT v. U.S. GENERAL SERVICES  
ADMINISTRATION

Assigned to: Judge Rudolph Contreras

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Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

**Plaintiff**

**AMERICAN OVERSIGHT**

Date Filed: 10/23/2018

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of

Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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| Date Filed | #        | Docket Text  |
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| 10/23/2018 | <u>1</u> | COMPLAINT against U.S. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5753871) filed by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons, # <u>3</u> Summons, # <u>4</u> Summons)(Cafasso, Cerissa) (Entered: 10/23/2018) |
| 10/23/2018 | <u>2</u> | LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT (Cafasso, Cerissa) (Entered: 10/23/2018)   |
| 10/25/2018 |          | Case Assigned to Judge Rudolph Contreras. (zrdj) (Entered: 10/25/2018)   |
| 10/25/2018 | <u>3</u> | SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zrdj) (Entered: 10/25/2018)   |

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| 11/15/2018 | <u>4</u>  | RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 10/25/2018. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 11/24/2018.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 10/31/2018., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION served on 10/30/2018 (Cafasso, Cerissa) (Entered: 11/15/2018) |
| 11/16/2018 | <u>5</u>  | NOTICE of Appearance by Peter T. Wechsler on behalf of U.S. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (Wechsler, Peter) (Entered: 11/16/2018)   |
| 11/16/2018 | <u>6</u>  | Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer by U.S. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Wechsler, Peter) (Entered: 11/16/2018)   |
| 11/16/2018 |           | MINUTE ORDER granting <u>6</u> Defendant's Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time: it is hereby ORDERED that Defendant shall have until and including December 10, 2018 to file its Answer or otherwise respond to Plaintiff's Complaint. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 11/16/18. (lcrc1) (Entered: 11/16/2018)  |
| 11/21/2018 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Answer due by 12/10/2018, (tj) (Entered: 11/21/2018)   |
| 12/07/2018 | <u>7</u>  | ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION.(Wechsler, Peter) (Entered: 12/07/2018)   |
| 12/10/2018 |           | MINUTE ORDER: It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet, confer, and submit a proposed briefing schedule on or before December 26, 2018. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 12/10/18. (lcrc1) (Entered: 12/10/2018)  |
| 12/10/2018 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 12/26/2018 (tj) (Entered: 12/10/2018)  |
| 12/18/2018 | <u>8</u>  | NOTICE of Appearance by Hart W. Wood on behalf of AMERICAN OVERSIGHT (Wood, Hart) (Entered: 12/18/2018)   |
| 12/18/2018 | <u>9</u>  | Joint MOTION for Extension of Time to File <i>Proposed Briefing Schedule</i> by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Wood, Hart) (Entered: 12/18/2018)   |
| 12/19/2018 |           | MINUTE ORDER granting <u>9</u> Joint Motion for Extension of Time: It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet, confer, and submit a proposed briefing schedule on or before January 3, 2019. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 12/19/18. (lcrc1) (Entered: 12/19/2018)   |
| 12/26/2018 | <u>10</u> | MOTION to Stay by U.S. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Wechsler, Peter) (Entered: 12/26/2018)  |
| 01/02/2019 | <u>11</u> | RESPONSE re <u>10</u> MOTION to Stay filed by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Cafasso, Cerissa) (Entered: 01/02/2019)  |
| 01/25/2019 |           | MINUTE ORDER granting <u>10</u> Motion to Stay: It is hereby ORDERED that this case is STAYED until appropriations are restored to the Department of Justice. It is FURTHER ORDERED that the proposed briefing schedule previously due on January 3, 2019 shall be due within 14 days after restoration of appropriations. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 1/25/19. (lcrc1) (Entered: 01/25/2019)  |
| 01/28/2019 | <u>12</u> | NOTICE of restoration of appropriations by U.S. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (Wechsler, Peter) (Entered: 01/28/2019)   |
| 02/08/2019 | <u>13</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION. (Wechsler, Peter) (Entered: 02/08/2019)  |
| 02/08/2019 |           | MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>13</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint status report advising the Court further as to the status of this matter by February 27, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 2/8/19. (lcrc1) (Entered: 02/08/2019)  |

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| 02/27/2019 | <u>14</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Wood, Hart) (Entered: 02/27/2019)   |
| 03/18/2019 | <u>15</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Wood, Hart) (Entered: 03/18/2019)   |
| 03/18/2019 |           | MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>15</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint status report advising the Court further as to the status of this matter by April 3, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 3/18/19. (lcrc1) (Entered: 03/18/2019)   |
| 03/19/2019 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 4/3/2019 (tj) (Entered: 03/19/2019)   |
| 04/03/2019 | <u>16</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Wood, Hart) (Entered: 04/03/2019)   |
| 04/03/2019 |           | MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>16</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint status report advising the Court further as to the status of this matter by May 14, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 4/3/19. (lcrc1) (Entered: 04/03/2019)   |
| 04/03/2019 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 5/14/2019 (tj) (Entered: 04/03/2019)  |
| 05/14/2019 | <u>17</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION. (Wechsler, Peter) (Entered: 05/14/2019)  |
| 05/14/2019 |           | MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>17</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint status report advising the Court further as to the status of this matter by no later than June 17, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 5/14/19. (lcrc1) (Entered: 05/14/2019)   |
| 05/21/2019 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 6/17/2019. (tj) (Entered: 05/21/2019)   |
| 06/17/2019 | <u>18</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Wood, Hart) (Entered: 06/17/2019)   |
| 06/18/2019 |           | MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>18</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint status report advising the Court further as to the status of this matter by no later than July 15, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 6/18/19. (lcrc1) (Entered: 06/18/2019)   |
| 07/15/2019 | <u>19</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Wood, Hart) (Entered: 07/15/2019)   |
| 07/15/2019 |           | MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>19</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint status report advising the Court further as to the status of this matter by no later than August 15, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 7/15/19. (lcrc1) (Entered: 07/15/2019)   |
| 08/15/2019 | <u>20</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Wood, Hart) (Entered: 08/15/2019)   |
| 08/15/2019 |           | MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>20</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the following briefing schedule shall govern further proceedings in this case: Defendant shall file its motion for summary judgment on or before October 1, 2019; Plaintiff shall file its opposition and any cross-motion for summary judgment on or before October 22, 2019; Defendant shall file its reply memorandum and any cross-opposition on or before November 12, 2019; and Plaintiff shall file any reply memorandum on or before November 26, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 8/15/19. (lcrc1) (Entered: 08/15/2019) |
| 08/16/2019 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Cross Motions due by 10/22/2019. Response to Cross Motions due by 11/12/2019. Reply to Cross Motions due by 11/26/2019. Summary Judgment motions due by 10/1/2019. Response to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 10/22/2019. Reply to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 11/12/2019. (tj) (Entered: 08/16/2019)   |
| 10/01/2019 | <u>21</u> | MOTION for Summary Judgment by U.S. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Memorandum in Support, # <u>2</u> Declaration Travis Lewis, # <u>3</u> Statement of Facts, # <u>4</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Wechsler, Peter)   |

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|            |           | (Entered: 10/01/2019)  |
| 10/22/2019 | <u>22</u> | Cross MOTION for Summary Judgment <i>and Opposition to Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment</i> by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Memorandum in Support of Plaintiff's Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment and in Opposition to Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order, # <u>3</u> Declaration of Hart Wood in Support of Plaintiff's Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment and in Opposition to Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment, # <u>4</u> Statement of Facts)(Wood, Hart) (Entered: 10/22/2019) |
| 10/22/2019 | <u>23</u> | Memorandum in opposition to re <u>21</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Hart Wood in Support of Plaintiff's Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment and in Opposition to Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment, # <u>2</u> Statement of Facts)(Wood, Hart) (Entered: 10/22/2019)   |
| 10/23/2019 | <u>24</u> | NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE as to AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. Attorney Cerissa Cafasso terminated. (Cafasso, Cerissa) (Entered: 10/23/2019)   |
| 11/12/2019 | <u>25</u> | REPLY to opposition to <u>21</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by U.S. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration Second of Travis Lewis, # <u>2</u> Statement of Facts)(Wechsler, Peter); Modified docket entry relationship and text on 11/14/2019 (ztth). (Entered: 11/12/2019)  |
| 11/12/2019 | 26        | Memorandum in opposition to <u>22</u> Cross MOTION for Summary Judgment <i>filed by U.S. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION. (See Docket Entry <u>25</u> to view document)</i> (ztth) (Entered: 11/14/2019)   |
| 11/14/2019 |           | NOTICE OF ERROR re <u>25</u> Reply to opposition to Motion; emailed to peter.wechsler@usdoj.gov, cc'd 3 associated attorneys — The PDF file you docketed contained errors: 1. Two-part docket entry (ztth, ) (Entered: 11/14/2019)   |
| 11/26/2019 | <u>27</u> | REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>22</u> Cross MOTION for Summary Judgment <i>and Opposition to Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment</i> filed by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Wood, Hart) (Entered: 11/26/2019)  |